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### STATE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE — MAY 2018

**Meeting.** The State Child Care Assistance Advisory Committee met on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children office in Des Moines. The Committee broke into workgroups for the morning session to focus on dividing up current goals. Work included finalizing an infographic on the infant and toddler care shortage crisis, looking into the decline in registered child care homes participating in the Child Care Assistance Program, and discussing an infographic and an upcoming meeting on why child care matters to Iowa businesses.

Also discussed was some of the organizational language for the Committee relating to current Iowa Code section [135.173A](#) and how that pertains to the overall Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Stakeholder Alliance. There will be a new election of co-chairpersons in the near future, and the need for recruitment of active committee members was also discussed.

**ECI Summit.** ECI will be hosting a system summit on October 3, 2018. The summit will include keynote speakers and breakout sessions designed around early childhood topics, including nutrition; importance of data in decision making; mental health; brain science; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education; and others. More information will be available soon.

**Reports and Updates.** Written and oral updates were provided covering the recent legislative session, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Education. Upcoming topics anticipated to be covered include the results of the 2017 Market Rate Survey.

**Future Meetings.** The State Child Care Assistance Advisory Committee meetings for the rest of 2018 are tentatively scheduled for July 12, September 13, and November 8.

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